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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WAS DC FROM ADDIS ABABA 25 JUN 75:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 7542

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, EXA, OAU

SUBJECT: OAU KAMPALA CM AND SUMMIT: KEY SUBJECTS

1. OAU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL NOUREDDINE DJOUDI (PROJECT SOURCE) CONSIDERS THAT TWO SUBJECTS WILL DOMINATE THE KAMPALA MEETING. FIRST IS DECOLONIZATION OF RHODESIA; SECOND IS ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION. TIME AVAILABLE FOR CONVERSATION DID NOT PERMIT ELABORATION OF SECOND SUBJECT. GIST DJOUDI'S CURRENT THINKING ON FIRST SUBJECT FOLLOWS.

2. FOCUS WILL BE ON RHODESIA IN THE LIGHT PARTICULARLY OF NEW SITUATION CREATED BY INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE. IN DJOUDI'S VIEW LATTER'S INITIAL CAPABILITIES LIKELY REQUIRE GOM AVOID ANY OVERT ACTION VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICA. ALTHOUGH PUBLIC POSITION SAMORA MACHEL/MARCELINO SANTOS VIS-A-VIS RHODESIA LIKELY BE THOUGH, COUNTRY'S INSTITUTIONAL AND ECONOMIC LIMITATIONS SUCH THAT IT UNLIKELY MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO ACTIVE HOSTILE POSITION
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TOWARDS RHODESIA. DJOUDI EXPECTS RATHER GRADUAL TOUGHENING OF

STANCE BEGINNING WITH LIKELY PROHIBITION OF USE BY RHODESIA OF MOZAMBIQUE'S PORTS. INCIDENTALLY, ACCORDING DJOUDI, THERE WILL BE PRESSURE ON NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT FROM MILITANT WING OF FRELIMO FOR EARLIER TOUGHER POSTURE TOWARDS BOTH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

3. ANGOLA WILL OF COURSE ALSO PREOCCUPY KAMPALA MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH LATTER UNLIKELY BE ABLE DO MUCH MORE THAN EXHORT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER GIVEN CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES OF SITUATION IN THAT TERRITORY.

4. DJOUDI SAID THAT AMIN'S LATEST CAPERS FURTHER DISCOURAGING TOP LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT KAMPALA. EXPECTATION IN OAU SECRETARIAT HEADQUARTERS CURRENTLY IS, HE SAID, THAT TOP LEVEL REPRESENTATION WILL BE SPARSE. THIS IS UNFORTUNATE GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED.

5. DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN ADDIS ABABA EVENING JUNE 24 ARE WIDELY DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY THAT AMIN WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE CHOSEN AS NEXT OAU PRESIDENT PRO TEM. WE THINK THAT ORIGIN OF THIS IS REPORT WHICH BRITISH COLLEAGUES HAVE SHARED WITH US AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT RECEIVED BY BRITISH EMBASSY HERE JUNE 22 OR 23, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN KAMPALA WAS TOLD BY AMIN THREE DAYS AGO THAT HE (AMIN) PREFERRED TO BECOME COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF "AFRICAN LIBERATION ARMY" AND WOULD SEEK THAT POSITION IN PREFERENCE TO THE PRO TEM PRESIDENCY OF OAU. HUMMEL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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